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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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4 August 2004

Sir:

The *Office Action*, from Primary Examiner T. Patel of Art Unit 3765, dated 4 May 2004, has been received and carefully reviewed. In response thereto, Applicant clarifies the patentable distinctions between the cited prior art and the present invention, and respectfully submits that the cited reference neither anticipates, teaches nor suggests the present invention as contemplated in the Claims pending upon entrance of this *Response and Amendment*.